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**PUBLIC MEETING IN MOUNT WASHINGTON WILL REVIEW
STATE'S DRAFT PLAN FOR MT. EVERETT RESERVATION SUMMIT**

The public will have a chance to review a "draft" plan for the Mount Everett Reservation summit on November 7, 2005. During the Mount Washington Board of Selectmen's meeting in Town Hall, representatives from the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will present and discuss findings and recommendations included in the draft Mount Everett Reservation Summit Resource Management Plan. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

At that meeting, the public will be invited to comment regarding management goals, issues, and recommendations for the summit area. Priority topics include the ecological significance and sensitivity of the summit, continued scientific research and monitoring, recreational use and access (including hiking along the Appalachian Trail and access to the summit from other parts of the Reservation).

The draft Mount Everett Reservation Summit Resource Management Plan can be viewed online and downloaded from <http://www.mass.gov/dcr/stewardship/rmp-mtEverett.htm>.

For anyone who can not attend, comments regarding the draft Plan may be submitted until 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 30, 2005 to Leslie Luchonok, Director, RMP Program, DCR, 136 Damon Road, Northampton, MA 01060; or e-mailed leslie.luchonok@state.ma.us. For further information please contact Richard Thibedeau at 617-626-1396 or Leslie Luchonok at 413-586-8706, ext. 21.

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